

APPEAL NO. 022597
FILED NOVEMBER 20, 2002

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing was held on September 5, 2002. The hearing officer resolved the disputed issue by deciding that the appellant's (claimant) compensable right knee injury of _____, does not extend to and include osteoarthritis of the claimant's right knee. The claimant appealed and the respondent (self-insured) responded.

DECISION

The hearing officer's decision is affirmed.

Conflicting evidence was presented on the disputed issue. The hearing officer is the sole judge of the weight and credibility of the evidence. Section 410.165(a). As the finder of fact, the hearing officer resolves the conflicts in the evidence and determines what facts have been established. We conclude that the hearing officer's decision is supported by sufficient evidence and that it is not so against the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be clearly wrong and unjust. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175 (Tex. 1986).

The hearing officer's decision and order are affirmed.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **(a self-insured governmental entity)** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

**MANAGER
(ADDRESS)
(CITY), TEXAS (ZIP CODE).**

Robert W. Potts
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

Gary L. Kilgore
Appeals Judge

Thomas A. Knapp
Appeals Judge